

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 1st September 2019

Contests

IRTS SSB Field Day takes place next weekend, from 13:00 UTC Saturday 7th September, for 24 hours. As well as 24 hour Open and Restricted sections, we have a 6-hour restricted section, ideal for individuals or groups that are not in a position to operate for the full 24 hours. This Field Day coincides with similar field days in other European countries, so expect plenty of activity in the SSB contest sections of the 3.5, 7, 14, 21 and 28 MHz bands.

During the following weekend - on Sunday 15th September - we have the IRTS 70cms and 2 metres counties contests, more details in next week's bulletin. See www.irts.ie/contests for full details of IRTS contests.

Galway Digital Radio Group

The Galway Digital Radio Group will be holding a Lecture in the UCG Innovation Centre on the 26th of September at 8pm. All are welcomed to attend.

If you are interested in DMR, D-Star, and Yaesu Fusion our network will be covering these modes. We are directing this towards practical use rather than technicalities of each mode.

We will be discussing the following topics

1) Galway Digital Network, 2) What it has to offer 3) Coverage 4) Operating Procedures 5) Future Development 6) CPS Programming 7) Q & A Session

We would recommend that anyone in the coverage area of the Galway Digital Network should attend. Galway, Mayo, Roscommon, Clare, Westmeath, and possibly even Limerick

Limerick Clare Amateur Radio Club

Limerick Clare Amateur Radio Club members activated Loop Head Lighthouse for the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend . This year twelve club members

attended over the weekend with a core group of five covering Friday evening to Sunday. Two of their new club members worked their first pile up. The club rigs, ICOM 756 PRO and Kenwood TS940 were used along with antennas provided by Brendan (EI0CZ) G5RV and Joe's (EI6HHB) Alpha Delta. A total of 1123 QSOs were logged. Bands used were 17M, 20M, 30M, 40M and 80M. CW and SSB were the only modes used with CW accounting for just over 600 and SSB almost 500 QSOs.

DX News

Three German operators will be active from the Faroe Islands from 2nd-12th September. The callsigns will be OY/homecall and they will use SSB, CW and Digital. QSLs go to the German call.

A Polish group will operate as EX6QP from Kyrgystan from 2nd-15th September. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

Ken LA7GIA has received permission to use the callsign 6O7O (Six-Oscar-Seven-Oscar) from Somalia. His plan is to be active for two weeks during September. Exact dates will be announced in due course. He will be on all bands 10-160m mainly on CW although with some SSB and FT8 also. QSL via M0OXO OQRS.

Laurent F8BBL plans an IOTA Dxpedition to Corsica from 6th-22nd September. His callsign will be TK19IOTA and he will be QRV from the main island of Corsica IOTA EU-014 as well as the smaller offshore islands EU-100, EU-104 and EU-164.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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